



COLLEGE OF TEACHER EDUCATION (PGT), SHILLONG

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ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE COLLEGE ACADEMIC YEAR – 2022-2023

The College of Teacher Education (PGT) is committed towards providing its student-teachers varied experiences through the conduct of various activities. Every year, various activities were conducted in the College by the Student Council and the various committees of the College. A brief report on the activities conducted/organized by the College is presented as follows:

1. **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY** - The College through the active participation of the Student Council and the Environmental Education students was able to conduct the 'World Environment Day' on the 5th June 2023. To mark the World Environment Day 2023 - A tree plantation programme was organized. On this day the students and teachers of the College planted around 80 tree saplings which were contributed by the Department of forest and Environment, Government of Meghalaya. Further in line with the directive and instructions of the government of India, students were also briefed about the Life Campaign - the concept of 'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE)' which was introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at COP26 in Glasgow on 1st November 2021. Accordingly, students of the College conducted a poster campaign to spread awareness about Food Wastage, Importance of checking leakage, conservation of energy, compost farming and many other issues.
2. **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION 2023** – On 21st April, 2023, the student council of the College organized a programme to celebrate Earth Day – 2023 keeping in mind the theme 'Invest in our Planet'. On this day, Dr. Bremley W. B. Lyngdoh, Advisor, Resilience Frontiers - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change graced the celebration as the guest speaker. To mark the day, a plantation programme was also organized where few shrubs, flowers and tree saplings were planted.
3. **COLLEGE FOUNDATION DAY** – To mark the special occasion of the College Foundation Day on 19th March, every year the College organizes a food fest and the money generated is being donated to the Reach Ministries an organization which funds for the education of street children. Since the 19th of March falls on a Sunday, the formal programme was held on the 18th March, 2023 and the food fest was held on the 18th March, 2023. To mark the auspicious occasion, on March 19, 2023, the Members of the College including the head, staff and students greeted all the Governing Body members, faculty members, past student- teachers, non-teaching staff and all well-wishers of the College, through an Instagram post.
4. **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** - The Student Council organised a programme in the form of a short Talk to observe Women's Day on the 7th of March, 2023. The programme was held in the College auditorium at 12:30 p.m. The programme was chaired by Feather Beauty Susngi of the 4th Semester, who opened the programme and called upon Manna Kharjana of 2nd Semester to deliver the welcome speech. Then, Dr. (Mrs.) M. A. Jyrwa, the I/c Principal gave a short speech. The resource person for the Talk was none other than the former Principal of the College, Dr. (Mrs.) V. Kharmawphlang. Two women were felicitated: Mrs. Lodaris Marngar, the senior-most woman of the 4th Semester student-teachers for her inspiring commitment to the teaching profession for seventeen years, and Ms. Rosemary Lyngdoh Mawphlang for her valuable

service rendered to the College to keep it clean. The programme closed with a Vote of Thanks from Evangel Warjri of 4th Semester.

5. **INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY** - The International Mother Language Day was observed on the 21st of March, 2023 to create awareness regarding the importance of the mother tongue. A short talk on this was presented during the morning assembly by Stephanson Phawa of the 4th Semester.

Languages, with their complex implications for identity, communication, social integration, education and development, are of strategic importance for people and planet. Yet, due to globalization processes, they are increasingly under threat, or disappearing altogether. When languages fade, so does the world's rich tapestry of cultural diversity. Opportunities, traditions, memory, unique modes of thinking and expression — valuable resources for ensuring a better future — are also lost. Every two weeks a language disappears taking with it an entire cultural and intellectual heritage. At least 43% of the estimated 6000 languages spoken in the world are endangered. Only a few hundred languages have genuinely been given a place in education systems and the public domain, and less than a hundred are used in the digital world. International Mother Language Day is a worldwide annual observance held on 21 February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism. International Mother Language Day was proclaimed by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in November 1999. The idea to celebrate International Mother Language Day was the initiative of Bangladesh. The UN General Assembly welcomed the proclamation of the day in its resolution of 2002. On 16 May 2007 the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution A/RES/61/266 called upon Member States "to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by peoples of the world". By the same resolution, the General Assembly proclaimed 2008 as the International Year of Languages, to promote unity in diversity and international understanding, through multilingualism and multiculturalism and named the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to serve as the lead agency for the Year.

At the partition of India in 1947, the Bengal province was divided according to the predominant religions of the inhabitants. The western part became part of India and the eastern part became a province of Pakistan known as East Bengal and later East Pakistan. However, there was economic, cultural and lingual friction between East and West Pakistan.

These tensions were apparent in 1948 when Pakistan's government declared that Urdu was the sole national language. This sparked protests amongst the Bengali-speaking majority in East Pakistan. The government outlawed the protests but on February 21, 1952, students at the University of Dhaka and other activists organized a protest. Later that day, the police opened fire at the demonstrators and killed four students. These students' deaths in fighting for the right to use their mother language are now remembered on International Mother Language Day.

The unrest continued as Bengali speakers campaigned for the right to use their mother language. Bengali became an official language in Pakistan on February 29, 1956. Following the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971, Bangladesh became an independent country with Bengali as its official language. On November 17, 1999, UNESCO proclaimed February 21 to be International Mother Language Day and it was first observed on February 21, 2000. Each year the celebrations around International Mother Language Day concentrate on a particular theme.

The 24th edition of International Mother Language Day focus on the theme 'multilingual education - a necessity to transform education'. Multilingual education based

on mother-tongue facilitates access to and inclusion in learning for population groups that speak non-dominant languages, languages of minority groups and indigenous languages. The event organized by UNESCO on 21 February will explore and debate on the potential of multilingualism to transform education from a lifelong learning perspective and in different contexts. The discussions will be based around the following three inter-connected themes:

- *Enhancing multilingual education as a necessity to transform education in multilingual contexts from early childhood education and well beyond;*
- *Supporting learning through multilingual education and multilingualism in our fast-changing global contexts and in crisis situations including emergencies contexts;*
- *Revitalizing languages that are disappearing or are threatened with extinction.*

Today there is growing awareness that languages play a vital role in development, in ensuring cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue, but also in strengthening cooperation and attaining quality education for all, in building inclusive knowledge societies and preserving cultural heritage, and in mobilizing political will for applying the benefits of science and technology to sustainable development.

6. **COLLEGE WEEK** - The Student Council of the College of Teacher Education (PGT), Shillong, organized a College Week from the 25th October to the 1st November, 2022. This programme provided a platform to student-teachers for expressing interests and talents, thus contributing to a holistic student-teacher development. The theme of College Week 2022 was ‘**Colourful Memories**’. The student-teachers were divided into four groups and the names of the groups are SPECTRUM, HOUSE OF JADE, SAPPHIRE and PRISMATIC SOULS.

The Inauguration ceremony was successfully organized on the 25th October, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. despite unfavourable weather conditions. The programme was chaired by Miss Elizabeth B. Sawian, CR of first semester. Mr. Donborlang Kurbah, President of the Student Council, gave a welcome speech. Then the Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) V. Kharmawphlang gave a short speech about the purpose of a college week, spoke on the theme, and then declared the College Week open. Then the pledge was read and recited by all, swearing to uphold fairness and equality.

The ceremony was immediately followed by the various socio-cultural and sports activities. The College Week came to an end on 1st November, 2022.

7. **INAUGURATION OF THE NEC-FUNDED BUILDING, RUSA-FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURES AND APPROACH ROAD TO COLLEGE OF TEACHER EDUCATION (PGT), SHILLONG**

On October 27, 2022, the College of Teacher Education (PGT), Shillong held a grand inauguration ceremony for its newly constructed NEC-funded building, RUSA-funded Infrastructures, and Approach Road. The ceremony was attended by a number of dignitaries, including the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Shri. Conrad K. Sangma, who graced the occasion as Chief Guest, and the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Shri. Prestone Tynsong, who attended as the Guest of Honour.

The Chief Guest, Shri. Conrad K. Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya delivered the inaugural address, in which he praised the College of Teacher Education for its efforts in providing quality education to its students and for its commitment to the development of the teaching profession in Meghalaya. He also expressed his appreciation for the new NEC-funded building and the RUSA-funded infrastructures, which will greatly benefit the college and its students. He also spoke on the priority the Government of Meghalaya places on Education in its long-term plans.

8. FELICITATION PROGRAMME FOR OUTGOING STUDENTS OF ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-2022

On September 3rd, 2022, the College of Teacher Education, Shillong, organised a Felicitation Programme to recognise the meritorious students of the academic session 2020-2022. The programme was held at 11:00 a.m. in the main classroom with Valden John Pariat and Nazeema Barlaskar serving as the emcees. The felicitation ceremony was conducted by Dr. (Mrs.) B. Tron, who congratulated the meritorious students and presented them with certificates and awards. Worthyson Chyne and Ibanrihun Kharbyngar of the batch of 2020-2022 also shared their experiences and insights from their time in the college. The Chief Guest, Prof. B. Kharbirymbai, gave a speech discussing the challenges and opportunities facing the teaching profession in Meghalaya. She also emphasised the importance of continued learning and professional development for teachers.

9. INTERNATIONAL DAY ON FOOD LOSS AND WASTE

The International Day of Food Loss and Waste was observed on the 29th of September, 2022 to create awareness regarding the serious global problem of food loss and waste. A short talk on this topic was presented during the morning assembly by Shelly Rani of the 3rd Semester.

10. INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

To celebrate the International Literacy Day, on 8th September, 2022, the Student Council, under the guidance of Dr. (Mrs.) B. Tron, organized an Educational Outreach Programme by visiting Dr. Homiwell Memorial Secondary School at Mawklot, Upper Shillong. A small contribution in kind was given to the school. Donations were collected from student-teachers of first and third semesters and two school whiteboards were purchased, along with other stationery items.

11. TEACHER'S DAY

On September 5, 2022, the College of Teacher Education (PGT) in Shillong held a programme to celebrate Teachers' Day. The event took place at 11:30 a.m. in the main classroom, and was organized by the student-teachers of the 1st and 3rd semesters of the college.

The programme began with a prayer led by Abiegail Ribahunlang Kharmylliem, a 1st semester student. This was followed by the welcome speech given by Donborlang Kurbah, the President of the Student Council. Valden John Pariat, also from the 1st semester, performed a song. The principal of the college, Dr. (Mrs.) V. Kharmawphlang, gave a speech to the teachers and students in attendance. She emphasized the importance of teachers in shaping the future of their students and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. Next, Daisy Merry Langstang from the 1st semester entertained the audience with a dance performance, followed by the presentation of gifts to the teachers, as a token of appreciation for their efforts. Chicku Marak, a 3rd semester student, provided instrumental music for the event. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks, given by Elizabeth Sawian, the Class Representative of the 1st semester. The celebration was not complete without the traditional cake cutting ceremony, after which refreshments were served to all in attendance.

12. 75TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

All the teachers and the student teachers of the 1st and 3rd semester were assembled at the College ground. The program started at 9.50am. The welcome speech was given by the CR of the 1st semester, Miss Elizabeth Balapynsuklang Sawain at 9.52am. At 9.55am the Flag was hoisted by the principal, Dr. (Mrs.) V. Kharmawphlang followed by singing of the National Anthem. After the National Anthem all the teachers and the student teachers were

assembled in the main classroom. a presentation was given by one of the student teachers of the 3rd semester Shristi Thapa at 10.00 am – 10.12am, on the topic ‘History of India Struggle’. A video was presented right after the presentation followed by recitation of a poem by Rubio Sangriang student of the 3rd semester.

13. U TIROT SING CELEBRATION DAY ON 16TH JULY, 2022

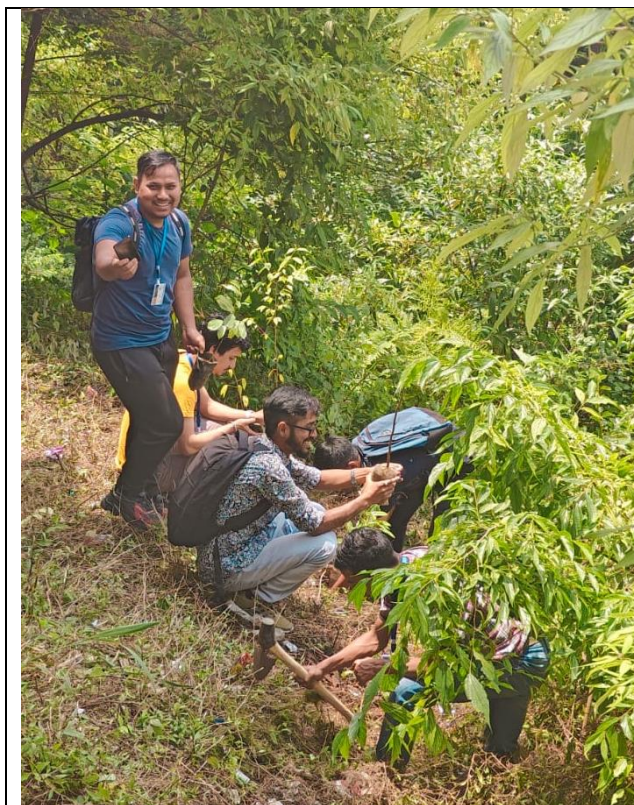
The College of Teacher Education (PGT), Shillong organized a one-day talk to observe ‘U Tirot Sing Day’ on Saturday the 16th July, 2022 at 10 a.m. through Google Meet. The programme was attended by Dr. (Mrs.) V. Kharmawphlang, Principal of the College, faculty members and student-teachers of the College. The programme was organized by the Student Council under the charge of Dr. (Mrs.) B. Tron, Asst. Professor.

The resource person, was a noted historian and academician, Prof. Amena N. Passah of the Department of History, NEHU, Shillong. In her talk, the resource person shared some rare and unknown facts of U Tirot Sing Syiem, which were not reported in books and articles which are commonly available to the readers. The theme of the talk was ‘Tirot Sing: The Valiant Khasi Warrior’. The talk was then open for a Q&A session, where the student-teachers were able to ask questions and seek clarifications from the resource person.

14. INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

On 21st June 2022, the College observed the International Yoga Day. The programme started with a welcome Speech by Dr. (Mrs.) B. Tron who gave a brief history about yoga, its emergence and how the Day came to be celebrated. She highlighted the different themes of the Yoga Day being adopted from 2015 till 2022. She also gave a brief talk on the benefits of yoga. She also spoke about the theme of this year’s International Day of Yoga “Yoga for Humanity”. This was followed by a speech by Dr. (Mrs) M.A. Jyrwa, Senior most teacher of the College. In her speech she stressed on the importance of Yoga by giving an example of the Lifestyle of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi who displayed a positive and healthy lifestyle which are all due to the benefits of Yoga. Finally, the Yoga session was being instructed by our Yoga Instructor, Sir Dhanajoy Chakraborty. Several Asanas, Pranayams and Mudras were being performed by the students. The Yoga session ended with some meditations that relaxes the mind and relieves the body from any tiredness.

GLIMPSES OF THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING SESSION 2022 -2023











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